

ture ; the *Revue Politique* ; M. Delesse at Paris, Sig. Capellini at Bologna ; M. Rüttimeyer at Basil ; Dr. Siedenblod at Stockholm ; M. Mailly at Bruxelles ; the Boston Public Library ; Silliman's *Journal* ; the *American Chemist* ; *Medical News* ; *Journal of Pharmacy*, Penn Monthly and Prof. E. D. Cope, at Philadelphia.

The deaths of two members were announced by the Secretary :

Sir Henry Holland, at London, October 28th, aged 85.

Joseph Saxton, at Washington, October 26th, 1873.

Copies of the First Part of the Society's Transactions, Vol. XV, were laid on the table for inspection, before distribution.

The Secretary read a communication from a friend recently returned from the West, entitled "An Acoustic Phenomenon of the Rocky Mountains."

And the meeting was adjourned.

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*Stated Meeting, November 21st, 1873.*

Present, 11 members.

Vice-President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

Letters of acknowledgment were received from the Egyptian Institute, dated Alexandria, June 9, 1873 ;—the Vaterlandische Verein, dated Würtemberg, June 15 (78-80, 82-88), requesting the completion of their set of Proceedings A. P. S. and also Transactions, and promising a full suit of the V. V. publications (on motion, referred to the Publication Committee) ;—the Schweizerische Gesellschaft, dated Bonn, 1873 (88) ; and the Royal Observatory, at Prague, May 9, 1873 (XIV, iii, 87).

Letters of envoy were received from the Batavian Society

of Arts, Batavia, November 4, 1872, and the Swiss Society at Bonn.

A letter from the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, dated Madison, November 11, 1873, offering to supply the Library of this Society with State Documents published in the last ten years, and with its own catalogue, was read.

Donations to the Library were announced as received from the Societies at Moscow, Fribourg, Batavia, Nijmegen, and Buffalo; the Chemical, Geological and Antiquarian Societies in London; British Association; London Nature; Radcliffe Observatory; Rev. Samuel Houghton; New York Historical Society; Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences, Franklin Institute, American Chemist, and Mr. Eli K. Price

A communication from Prof. Daniel Kirkwood was read, dated Bloomington, Indiana, October 23, 1873, and entitled "The Meteors of January 2d."

Dr. LeConte called the attention of the members present to the report of strange noises in the Rocky Mountains, made in the Journal of Lewis and Clarke, apropos of the communication read at the last meeting.

Mr. Joshua Lyman, of Lenox, Mass., exhibited his improved table-instruments for plotting and draughting with equal accuracy the most accurate field-work of civil engineers. The admiration of experts present was freely expressed.

On motion of Mr. Briggs, Mr. Hilgard, of the Coast Survey, was appointed to prepare an obituary notice of the late Joseph Saxton.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Board of Officers was read.

And the meeting was adjourned.